

1. A system comprising:  
a multi-sided module having a cavity housing a  
substrate;  
n photoreceivers located on a side of the substrate  
and adapted to receive a beam of collimated light directed by  
a waveguide; and  
an integrated circuit (IC) positioned at the  
substrate to receive output from the photoreceiver.

2. The system of claim 1, wherein the beam of  
collimated light includes a first laser light packet.

3. The system of claim 2, wherein the laser light  
packet includes a first set of n laser light pulses.

4. The system of claim 2, wherein the beam of  
collimated light comes from a network.

5. The system of claim 4, wherein n photoreceivers are  
connected to a first set of n transistors and include n  
photodetectors for converting the first set of n laser light  
pulses to a first set of n electronic pulses and n receivers  
for converting the first set of n electronic pulses to a first  
digitized packet.

6. The system of claim 5, further comprising:  
a first set of n latches for storing the digitized  
packet; and

a first set of  $n$  buffers for amplifying and delivering the first digitized packet from the first set of  $n$  latches to the IC.

5           7. The system of claim 6, further comprising:  
a second set of  $n$  transistors activated by a clock pulse, the second set of  $n$  transistors transferring the first digitized packet to the first set of  $n$  latches.

10           8. The system of claim 7, further comprising:  
a second set of  $k$  latches for storing a second digitized packet sent by the IC, where  $k \geq 1$ , the second digitized packet having a second set of  $k$  electronic pulses;  
and

15           a second set of  $k$  buffers for amplifying and delivering the second set of  $k$  electronic pulses to a multiplexer.

20           9. The system of claim 8, further comprising:  
a laser controller for receiving a series of  $k$  electronic pulses from the multiplexer; and  
a laser light source receiving an input from the laser controller and sending a second laser packet having a second set of  $k$  light pulses to the network.

25           10. The system of claim 9, wherein  $k = n$ .

11. The system of claim 1, wherein  $n \geq 1$ .

12. The system of claim 1, wherein the laser light is injected horizontally into the substrate.

13. The system of claim 1, wherein the beam of collimated light has at least one wavelength.

14. The system of claim 1, wherein the substrate includes a first surface and a second surface opposite the first surface, the first surface is in contact with the module and the sides of the substrate and the second surface are not in contact with the module.

15. A system comprising:  
a multi-sided module having a cavity housing a substrate;  
n photoreceivers located at a plurality of sides of the substrate and adapted to receive a first laser packet having a first set of n laser light pulses;  
a plurality of waveguides located at the module directing the first set of n laser light pulses from the laser source to the n photoreceivers; and  
an integrated circuit (IC) located at the substrate receiving output from n photoreceivers;

16. The system of claim 15, wherein the first set of n laser light pulses comes from a network.

17. The system of claim 16, wherein n photoreceivers are connected to a first set of n transistors and include n photodetectors for converting the first set of n laser light

pulses to a first set of n electronic pulses and n receivers for converting the first set of n electronic pulses to a first digitized packet.

5           18. The system of claim 17, further comprising:  
          a first set of n latches for storing the digitized  
packet; and  
          a first set of n buffers for amplifying and delivering  
the first digitized packet from the n latches to the IC.

10           19. The system of claim 18, further comprising:  
          a second set of n transistors activated by a clock pulse,  
the second set of n transistors transferring the first  
digitized packet to the first set of n latches.

15           20. The system of claim 19, further comprising:  
          a second set of k latches for storing a second  
digitized packet sent by the IC, where  $k \geq 1$ , the second  
digitized packet having a second set of k pulses; and  
20           a second set of k buffers for amplifying and  
delivering the second set of k electronic pulses to a  
multiplexer.

25           21. The system of claim 20, further comprising:  
          a laser controller for receiving a series of k  
electronic pulses from the multiplexer; and  
          a laser light source receiving an input from the  
laser controller and sending a second laser packet having a  
second set of k light pulses to the network.

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22. The system of claim 21, wherein  $k = n$ .

23. The system of claim 15, wherein  $n \geq 1$ .

5        24. The system of claim 15, wherein the laser light is injected horizontally into the substrate.

25. The system of claim 15, wherein the beam of collimated light has at least one wavelength.

10        26. The system of claim 15, wherein the substrate includes a first surface and a second surface opposite the first surface, the first surface is in contact with the module and the sides of the substrate and the second surface are not in contact with the module.

15        27. A method comprising:  
         directing a beam of collimated light through a waveguide positioned at a multi-sided module towards  $n$  photoreceivers located at a side of a substrate contained in a cavity of the module; and  
20        sending an output of the  $n$  photoreceiver to an integrated circuit.

25        28. The method of claim 27, wherein the beam of collimated light includes a first laser light packet, the laser light packet having a first set of  $n$  laser light pulses.

30        29. The method of claim 27, wherein the beam of collimated light comes from a network.

30. The method of claim 28, wherein the n photoreceivers are connected to a first set of n transistors and includes n photodetectors for converting the first set of n laser light pulses to a first set of electronic pulses and n receivers for converting the first set of electronic pulses to a first digitized packet.

31. The method of claim 30, further comprising:  
sending a clock pulse to a second set of n transistors;  
transferring the first digitized packet to a first set of n latches;  
storing the first digitized packet at the first set of n latches;  
amplifying the first digitized packet received from the first set of n latches using a first set of n buffers; and  
delivering the first digitized packet from the first set of n buffers to the IC.

32. The method of claim 31, further comprising:  
storing a second digitized packet received from the IC using a second set of k latches, where  $k \geq 1$ ;  
amplifying the second digitized packet received from the second set of k latches using a second set of k buffers;  
delivering the second digitized packet to a multiplexer;  
sending a laser controller a series of k electronic pulses received from the multiplexer;  
sending a laser light source an input from the laser controller; and

directing a second laser packet having a second set of k laser light pulses to the network.

33. The method of claim 32, wherein  $k = n$ .

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34. The system of claim 27, wherein  $n \geq 1$ .

35. The system of claim 27, wherein the laser light is injected horizontally in to the substrate.

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36. The system of claim 27, wherein the beam of collimated light has at least one wavelength.

37. The system of claim 27, wherein the substrate includes a first surface and a second surface opposite the first surface, the first surface is in contact with the module and the sides of the substrate and the second surface are not in contact with the module.